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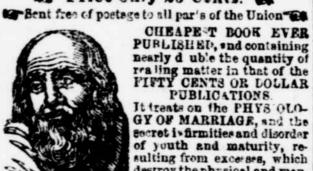
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A RESOLUTION authorizing the President of the United States to confer the title of Lie . tenant General by brevet, for eminent ser-

Reso'ved, &c., That the grade of lieu enant general be, and the same is hereby revived in the army of the United States, in order that when, in the opinion of the President and Senate, it shall be deemed proper to acknowledge eminent services of a major general of the army in the late war with Mexico, in the mode already provided for in subordinate grades, the grade of lieutenant-general may be specially conferred by brevet, and by brevet only, to take rank from the date of such service or services: Provided, however, That when the said grade of lieutenant-general by brevet shall have once been filled and have become vacant,

The section of the act of Congress which established the grade of licutenant general was passed on the 28th of May, 1798, and is as follows, (Fifth Congress,

SEC. 5 And be it further enacted, That whenever the President shall deem it expedient, he is hereby empowered to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a commander of the army which may be raised by virtue of this act, and who, being commissioned as lieutenant general, may be authorized to command the armies of the United Sta es, and shall be entitled to the following pay and emoluments, viz: \$250 monthly pay, "Our here then turned, and touching \$50 monthly allowance for forage, when the same shall not be provided by the United States, and forty rations per day or money in lieu thereof at the current price-who shall have authority to appoint, from time to time, such number o aids, not exceeding four, and secretaries not exceeding two, as he may judge proper, each to have the rank, pay an emoluments of a lieutenant-colonel.

The Mexican war transpired in the the rank of lieutenant-general, as provided in the act of 1798, from that date to the present, would amount to more than five thousand dollars. It will be seen that there is attached to the grade of lieutenant-general a staff of six persons-four licutenant colonels, and two of a lieutenant-colonel.

# A FRAVE BESISTANCE.

Ireland was, as it ever has been within deserts us." the memory of the eldest inhabitants, in a disturbed state, a gentleman advanced and make us footsore, more than the in years lived in a retired country house. rocks which only require a bold effort to He was a bachelor, and whether trusting surmount." in his supposed popularity, or imagining that the general alarm among the gentry but the bosom." was groundless, he continued in his lonely mansion long after his neighbors had quitted theirs for a safer residence in town. He had been indisposed for several days, on the ground floor, and inside a parlor. with which it communicated. The servants went to bed; the house was shut up for the night, and the supper tray, with its appurtenances, by a providential oversight, were forgotten in theold man's

Some hours after he had retired to bed, he was alarmed at hearing a window lifted in the outer apartment; his chamber door was ajar, and the moon shone brilliantly through the open casement, rendering objects in the parlor distinct and perceptible to any person in the inner room. Presently a man leaped through ness or oppose with a firmness." the window, and three others followed him in quick succession. The old gentleman sprang from his bed, but unfortu- it." nately there were no arms in the apartment; recollecting, however, the forgotten supper tray, he provided himself with a case knife, and resolutely took his stand behind the door. He had one advantage over the murderers, they were in though watched by tears." full moonlight, and he shrouded in impentrable darkness.

A momentary hesitation took place among the party, who seemed undecided as to which of them should enter the dark room, for, acquainted with the lo detracts not from the bounty of nature's calities of the house, they knew where freedom, or an honest birth. Nobility the devoted victim slept. At last one of claimed by the right of blood shows the vilains cautiously approached, stood simply that our ancestors deserved what for a moment in the door-way, hesitated. advanced a step-not a whisper was heard, a breathless silence reigned around, and the apartment before him was dark What the devil are ye afeered of?" said to the business of its members, namely: in making | the rough voice of an associate behind: he took a second step and the old man buried his knife in his heart! No second thrust was requisite, for with a deep The obscurity of the chamber, the

sudden destruction caused by that deadly thrust, prevented the ruffians in the outer room from knowing the fate of their companion. A second presented himself, crossed the threshold, stumbled against his dead associate, and received the old man's knife in his bosom. The wound though mortal, was not so fatal as the other, and the ruffian had strength to ejaculate that he was a dead man! Instantly several shots were fired, but

the old gentleman's position sheltered him from the bullets. A third assassin advanced, leveled a long fowling piece through the doorway, and actually rested to smoke, if not to Sparks!" the barrel against the old man's body. The direction, however, was a slanting dee 1-3m | gun unfortunately disclosed the place of make Poe a poet.

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on THUR DAY EVENING, February 22, this joint resolution shall thereafter ex- leaving their lifeless companions behind. pire and be of no effect.

session 2, chapter 47, 1798:)

year 1847, and the pay of an officer with secretaries, each with the rank and pay

as the grave itself. "Go on, blast ye groan the robber sank upon the floor.

his ambush. Then commenced a desperate struggie-the robber, a powerful and athletic ruffian, closed and seized his victim around the body-there was no equality between the combatants with regard to strength, and although the old man struck often and furiously with his knife, the blows were ineffectual, and he was thrown heavily on the floor with the murderer above him. Even then, at that moment, his presence of mind sayed this heroic gentleman. He found that the blade of the knife had turned, and he contrived to straighten it upon the floor. The ruffian's hands were already upon his throat—the pressure more suffocating-a few moments more and the contest must be ended; but an accidental movement of the body exposed the murderer's side-the old man struck with his remaining strength a deadly blow-the robber's grasp relaxed-and with a yell of mortal agony he fell dead across his

exhausted antagonist! Horror-struck by the death-shriek of their comrade, the bandit wanted courage to enter that gloomy chamber which had been already fatal to so many. They poured an irregular volley in, and leap-

Lights and assistance came presentlythe chamber was a pool of gore, and the old man nearly in a state of insensibility. was covered with the blood, and encompassed by the breathless bodies of his intended murderers. He recovered, however, to enjoy for years his well-won reputation, and to receive from the Irish Vicercy the honor of knighthood, which never was conferred upon a braver man.

# UNIQUE QUOTATIONS.

Such of our readers as are fond of the ranscendental may admire the following which we take from an old English

his left hand to the shoulder of his horse be rose perpendicularly, like a pyramid of fire, and again descended on his seat, as a flake of snow on a rose-bud. He then touched his white wand to the neck of his steed, who instantly mounted the air, like a winged Pegasus; while the Duchess cried out, thinking her Harry a gone man; but he returned as composed as though seated on a bed of cotton."

"Happiness is sweetly fleeting; it is not to be measured by time; it has no ules to mark or distinguish the periods; it skims upon eagles' wings, or rests

upon down." "A smile, an expression, will tell a history; there are years of association in it, long years of memory and their shadows. "A writer has compared worldly

friendships to our shadows, and a better comparison was never made, for while we walk in the sunshine it sticks to us, Several years ago, when the south of but the moment we enter the shade it

"The pebbles in our pathway weary us.

" Happiness is a bird that owns no cage "The purest metal is produced from the hottest furnace, and the brightest

thunderbolt from the darkest storm." "To imagine that mere beauty is sufand on the night he was attacked had ficient to keep the marriage bond unbro-taken supper in his bed-room, which was ken without heart and intellect, which a one can knit it firmly together, is to attempt wearing a garland of flowers

without their stems". "No one can improve in company for which he has not respect enough to be under some restraint.'

"A good education is a better safeguard for liberty than a standing army or severe laws. "In your language be plain, comely,

honest, natural, clear, short and senten-" Deliberate with caution, but act with decision, and yield with a gracious-

"Brave actions are the substance of life, and good sayings the ornaments of "The trials of life are the tests which

ascertain how much gold there is in us." "One to-day is worth two to-morrows." "Innocence is a flower which withers when touched, but blooms not again,

"Youth writes its hopes upon the sand

and age advances like the sea, and washes them out." "Prefit is the crown of labor." "To be lowly born, if not base born,

we inherit." "I aziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes her." "An old maid is an odd boot, of no

"Whoever is courteous, honest, frank, sincere, truly honorable, generous and candid, is a true gentleman, whether rich learned or a laborer." "Jokes, the cayenne of conversation,

use without its fellow."

and the salt of life." Some weeks ago, a certain auctioneer put up for sale a copy of Sparks' Washington. At first not one seemed

inclined to bid, but after a while one of the spectators offered fifteen cents a volume! Looking round at the speculator with a frown most terrible, the auctioneer ejaculated: "My friend, don't waste your money; you can't read, and what's the use of your buying books!" The bidder was silent. After a little, a box of cigars was put up, when the admirer of General Washington rapidly exclaimed: "Fifteen cents, d-n you, I'm entitled to

Tommy Doddy makes a very fair one, and, with admirable self-possession, attempt indeed at a joke. He says that he remained steady until the murderer Edgar Poe used to drink strong tea to drew the trigger, and the ball passed him excite him to poetical inspiration. Tomwithout injury; but the flash from the my says it is no wonder that T should

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